

Remarks/Arguments

Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested, in view of the foregoing amendments and following remarks.

I. Status of the Claims

After entry of these amendments, claims 21, 22, and 24 are pending. New claim 24 has been added. Support for new claim 24 can be found at pages 24-28. No new matter has been added to the application.

II. Restriction Requirement

In the office action mailed May 23, 2008, the Examiner requires restriction among one of the following four claim groups:

Group 1: Claims 1-18, drawn to processes for determining interaction of a substance with APP or A β ;

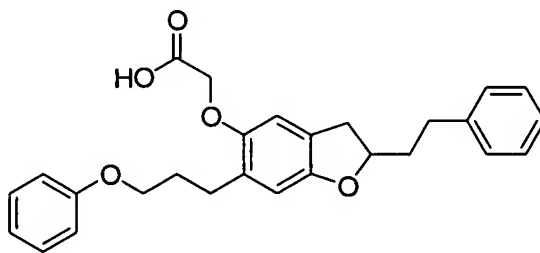
Group 2: Claims 19-20, drawn to substances which interact with APP or A β , of undisclosed structure;

Group 3: Claims 21-22, drawn to compounds of formula (I); and

Group 4: Claim 23, drawn to a method of treating Alzheimer's disease.

In response, applicants elect the Group 3 claims, without traverse.

In response to the species election requirement, applicants elect the compound of Example 1, {[6-(3-phenoxypropyl)-2-(2-phenylethyl)-2,3-dihydro-1-benzofuran-5-yl]oxy}acetic acid



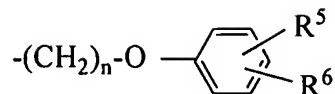
wherein:

R² is (CH₂)_m-C(=O)-OR⁵;

m is 1;

R⁵ is hydrogen within the description of R²;

R³ is



n is 3;

R⁵ is hydrogen within the description of R³; and

R⁶ is hydrogen.

Claims 21, 22, and 24 read on the elected species.

In view of the foregoing election, the restriction requirement should be withdrawn.

III. Correction of Inventorship

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.48(b), the applicants request a correction of inventorship due to the cancellation of claims. The request to delete Amy S. Espeseth and Daria J. Hazuda as inventors because they are not inventors of the invention now being claimed is filed herewith.


IV. Conclusion

In view of the action taken, it is believed that the restriction requirement should now be withdrawn, and this application should now be examined.

An early and favorable examination is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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